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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: REPORTS FROM [redacted]
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[redacted] IN BEIJING INDICATE THAT SECURITY
FORCES ARE MOVING INTO BEIJING UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES
AND OTHER ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS. THESE FOLLOW
CREDIBLE NEWS OF THE DISAPPEARANCE OF SEVERAL
REFORMIST INTELLECTUALS AND OMINOUS ARTICLES IN THE
PEOPLE'S DAILY SUGGESTING THE APPROACH OF A MASS
ROUNDUP OF STUDENT ACTIVISTS.

3. WE HAVE ALREADY REPORTED OUR EXPECTATION THAT

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BEIJING AUTHORITIES WOULD MOUNT A CAMPAIGN AGAINST THOSE PEOPLE VIEWED AS HARBORING "BOURGEOIS LIBERAL" TENDENCIES. HOWEVER, WE NOW BELIEVE THAT THIS TIME PARTY ELDERS WILL NOT WAGE AN OLD STYLE CAMPAIGN BUT A VENDETTA AGAINST STUDENTS, INTELLECTUALS, AND OTHER REFORM MINDED PEOPLE -- THOSE WHO WITNESSED THE EBB OF THE ELDERS' PRESTIGE AND WHO REPRESENT CHINA'S BEST HOPE FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE. END SUMMARY.

4. NOTE: AS THIS CABLE WAS DRAFTED, WE HEARD A RELIABLE REPORT THAT TROOPS OF THE 24TH ARMY WERE GATHERING IN THE NORTHWEST PART OF THE CITY FOR A MOVE ON THE CAMPUSES. END NOTE.

5. WE HAVE HEARD CREDIBLE REPORTS THAT CHINESE SECURITY FORCES ARE MOVING INTO BEIJING CAMPUSES AND OTHER ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS IN SEARCH OF ACTIVISTS AND ACTIVIST MATERIALS. WESTERN WIRE SERVICES HAVE ALREADY REPORTED THAT SECURITY FORCES ENTERED THE BEIJING UNIVERSITY (BEIDA) CAMPUS ON THE NIGHT OF JUNE 8/9. THEY ENTERED STUDENT DORMATORIES AND TORE DOWN POSTERS, PICTURES, AND ACCOUNTS OF THE TIANANMEN MASSACRE, [REDACTED] WE DO NOT KNOW IF SECURITY FORCES REMAINED ON THE BEIDA CONFIDENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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CAMPUS. [REDACTED] THAT SECURITY FORCES HAVE ENTERED THE BEIJING LANGUAGE INSTITUTE (BLI). THEY SEARCHED FOR CAMPUS ACTIVISTS WITH THE AID OF PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN DURING STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS, [REDACTED]

6. [REDACTED] TOLD POLOFF THAT PLAINCLOTHESMEN ACCOMPANIED BY PLA TROOPS ALSO ENTERED THE CHINA ACADEMY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (CASS), APPARENTLY IN SEARCH OF INCRIMINATING EVIDENCE. CASS RESEARCHERS WERE ACTIVE IN THE DEMONSTRATIONS AND THEIR MILITANCY INCREASED DURING THE LATE MAY HUNGER STRIKE ON TIANANMEN SQUARE. [REDACTED]

7. THESE REPORTS FOLLOW THE APPEARANCE OMINOUS ARTICLES CARRIED ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE JUNE 9 PEOPLE'S DAILY. ONE OF THE ARTICLES REITERATES PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT DECLARATIONS ON THE ILLEGALITY OF THE INDEPENDENT STUDENT ASSOCIATION AND THE INDEPENDENT LABOR UNION. IT URGES ALL LEADERS OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS TO TURN THEMSELVES IN TO THE AUTHORITIES IMMEDIATELY OR FACE THE CONSEQUENCES.

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8. A RELATED STORY ON THE SAME PAGE ANNOUNCES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GOVERNMENT HOT LINE WHICH WILL ALLOW CHINESE CITIZENS TO REPORT THE ACTIVITIES OR WHEREABOUTS OF "REBELLIOUS ELEMENTS." CITIZENS HAVE THE RIGHT AND THE DUTY TO MAKE SUCH REPORTS, THE ARTICLE STATES. ALL OF THESE REPORTS FOLLOW NEWS

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THAT AT LEAST FOUR REFORMIST INTELLECTUALS HAVE
DISAPPEARED SINCE JUNE 3, PROBABLY AT THE HANDS OF
CHINESE SECURITY FORCES.

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COMMENT

9. WE FULLY EXPECTED PARTY HARD LINERS TO MOUNT A
CAMPAIGN TO HARRASS OR ROOT OUT STUDENT ACTIVISTS AND
OTHERS ALLEGEDLY HARBORING "BOURGEOIS LIBERAL"
TENDENCIES. [redacted]

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[REDACTED] THEY
APPEAR TO BE ATTEMPTING TO REGAIN THAT PRESTIGE
THROUGH THE DETENTION -- OR WORSE -- OF THE PEOPLE
WHOSE IDEAS REPRESENTED NOT THE FADED GLORY OF A
REVOLUTIONARY PAST BUT CHINA'S BEST HOPE FOR A
BRIGHTER FUTURE. END COMMENT. LILLEY

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